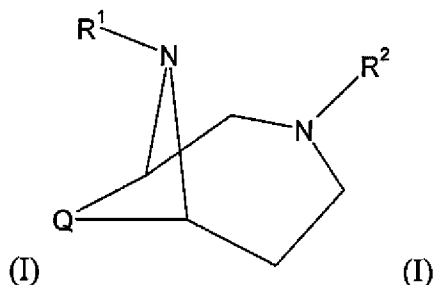


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of ~~general~~ formula (I),



any of its enantiomers or any mixture of its enantiomers, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein Q is  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$  or  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$ ; one of  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  is  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{R}^3$ ,  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{R}^3$ , or  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-\text{R}^3$ ; wherein  $\text{R}^3$  is aryl or heteroaryl; which aryl and heteroaryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of: halogen, hydroxy, amino, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, alkenyl, and alkynyl; and the other of  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  is  $-\text{CO}-\text{R}^4$ ; wherein  $\text{R}^4$  is alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, or arylalkyl.

2. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 1 or any of its enantiomers or any mixture of its enantiomers, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein Q is  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$ .

3. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 1 or any of its enantiomers or any mixture of its enantiomers, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein Q is  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$ .

4. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 1 or any of its enantiomers or any mixture of its enantiomers, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein one of  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  is  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{R}^3$ ; wherein  $\text{R}^3$  is defined as in claim 1.

5. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 1 or any of its enantiomers or any mixture of its enantiomers, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein  $\text{R}^4$  is alkyl.

6. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 1 or any of its enantiomers or any mixture of its enantiomers, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein Q is  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$  or  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$ ; one of  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  is  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{R}^3$ , or  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-\text{R}^3$ ; wherein  $\text{R}^3$  is phenyl; and the other of  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  is  $-\text{CO}-\text{R}^4$ ; wherein  $\text{R}^4$  is alkyl.

7. (Currently Amended) A compound of claim 1 or any of its enantiomers or any mixture of its enantiomers, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, which is  $(\pm)$ -1-[9-(3-Phenyl-allyl)-3,9 diaza-bicyclo[4.2.1]non-3-yl]-propan-1-one;  $(\pm)$ -1-[10-(3-Phenyl-allyl)-3,10-diaza bicyclo[4.3.1]dec-3-yl]-propan-1-one;  $(\pm)$ -1-[3-(3-Phenyl-allyl)-3,9-diazabicyclo[4.2.1]non-9-yl]-propan-1-one; or any of its enantiomers or any mixture of its enantiomers, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

8. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1, or any of its enantiomers or any mixture of its enantiomers, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, together with at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient or diluent.

9. (Previously Presented) A method for treatment or alleviation of a disease or a disorder or a condition of a living animal body, including a human, which disorder, disease or condition is responsive to modulation of the opioid receptor, which method comprises the step of administering to such a living animal body in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1, or any of its enantiomers or any mixture of its enantiomers, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; wherein the disease, disorder or condition responsive to modulation of the opioid receptor is pain.

10. – 11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein said pain is postoperative pain, chronic pain, cancer pain, neuropathic pain or pain during labor and delivery.